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## Latest News

### **Looking for Township Employee Salary and Benefit Survey Results?**

PSATS 2021 Salary Survey Plus results allow townships to compare your employees' wages and benefits with those of similar townships with just a few clicks. Participating townships can compare wages and benefits by region, population, similar budget size, and much more!

**If you already participated, thank you!** We could not do this without you. Your township supervisors, manager, secretary, and other township-designated officials can access the results at their convenience. Go to the "Reports" tab and scroll below the filter box to find the many available reports and use the filters to compare your township to others in your county and surrounding counties or to those with similar population, budget size, and much more. To make the most of the Salary Survey Plus platform, [click here](#) for a guide to help you quickly pull the results you need.

**If you haven't participated yet,** you can do so today and will have instant access to all results, while making the product better for all participants.

To access Salary Survey Plus, log onto [psats.org](http://psats.org) and look under "My PSATS" for "Salary Survey Plus." If you need to change the township official designated to enter data (*the PSATS Salary Survey Plus processor*), contact [memberservice@psats.org](mailto:memberservice@psats.org) or (717) 763-0930, ext. 112.

Questions about the survey? Don't see the Salary Survey option? Email [salariesurveyplus@psats.org](mailto:salariesurveyplus@psats.org) or call (717) 763-0930.

### **PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days**

The state Department of Transportation Virtual Innovation Days will be held November 2-4, 2021. The event features speakers from PennDOT, consultants, local governments, and PennDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). 12 sessions will be held over the course of the 3-day event, as well as a Virtual Exhibit Hall showcasing homegrown PennDOT and local government innovations.

For additional details, including the complete event schedule and registration link, [click here](#). [Click here](#) for a flyer for PennDOT Virtual Innovation Days.

### **Today in History....**

On October 20, 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France providing for the purchase of the territory of Louisiana, which would double the size of the United States. More Thomas Jefferson trivia....!

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## Legislation & Policy



The Senate will be in session today, October 20. Watch the session live [here](#).

Yesterday, the Senate Local Government Committee reported the following bills out of committee:

[SB 275](#) would prohibit municipalities from restricting access to any energy source. The bill was amended in committee to clarify that it does not affect municipal land use authority under the Municipalities Planning Code or a municipality's ability to take steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities and operations. PSATS requested the clarification for land use regulations.

[SB 755](#) would amend the Municipalities Planning Code to give municipalities and counties the option to transmit documents electronically that they are currently required to submit to another entity for review and comment, such as proposed zoning ordinance amendments and comprehensive plans.

[SB 448](#) would further clarify the existing prohibition on municipal regulation of firearms and ammunition. It would allow persons and organizations adversely affected by a municipal ordinance adopted in violation of existing law to seek damages attributable to the violation in an appropriate court, including the awarding of reasonable expenses by the court if the judgement is against the municipality.

[HB 430](#) would amend the Local Tax Collection Law to allow taxpayers who fail to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to ask for a waiver



**[The Code Officials Guide to Zoning - Virtual Class - 1/18/22](#)**

The 90-minute online course provides a comprehensive overview of current zoning issues and problems as they inter-relate to the UCC. Topics include: overview of the MPC, zoning requirements and difficulties, responsibilities of BCOs to meet and manage zoning challenges, permit issuance and enforcement conflicts, violation letter requirements and templates, and legal issues in zoning.



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